

Appln. No. 09/759,945
 Amendment dated Oct. 17, 2005
 Reply to Office Action of Sep. 15, 2005
 Docket No. 6873-2

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Office Action of September 15, 2005 (Office Action). As this response is timely filed within the 1-month shortened statutory period, no fee is believed due.

At the time the Office Action was mailed, claims 1-55 were pending in the application. Claims 1-55 were subjected to restriction election requirements and in response to the restriction election requirements, claims 7, 10, 18, 22, 26, 40, 44, 45, and 48 have been withdrawn.

The Examiner issued restriction requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 121. In response, Applicants make the following elections without prejudice to their rights to pursue protection for the non-elected claims in a separate application:

Generic Claim	Claims Identified as Distinct Species	Generic Feature Cited
3	7 and 8	"wherein said communications link between said service providers and said automated building services is... (7) ...broker is a wireline link." (8) ...broker is a wireless link."
Applicants elect <u>without traverse</u> examination with respect to the distinct species, as identified by the Examiner in Claim 8.		
8	9 and 10	"wherein said wireless link is... (9) ...a pager-type communications network link." (10) ...is a cellular communications link."
Applicants elect <u>without traverse</u> examination with respect to the distinct species, as identified by the Examiner in Claim 10.		

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Generic Claim	Claims Identified as Distinct Species	Generic Feature Cited
12	16 and 18	<p>"wherein said step of detecting a need for service in a building system comprises:</p> <p>(16) ...sensing an error condition in said building system."</p> <p>(18) ...identifying a scheduled maintenance event in said maintenance database."</p>
Applicants elect <u>without traverse</u> examination with respect to the distinct species, as identified by the Examiner in Claim 16.		
12	22 and 23	<p>"wherein said step of providing an electronic notification comprises:</p> <p>(22) ...transmitting an electronic message to said selected service provider through a pager-type communications network."</p> <p>(23) ...transmitting an electronic message to said selected service provider through a computer communications network."</p>
Applicants elect <u>without traverse</u> examination with respect to the distinct species, as identified by the Examiner in Claim 23.		
23	26 and 27	<p>"wherein said step of monitoring said communications link for an electronic response to said electronic notification comprises:</p> <p>(26) ...receiving an electronic message from said selected service provider through said computer communications network."</p> <p>(27) receiving an electronic message from said selected service provider through said wireless communications network."</p>
Applicants elect <u>without traverse</u> examination with respect to the distinct species, as identified by the Examiner in Claim 27.		

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Generic Claim	Claims Identified as Distinct Species	Generic Feature Cited
39	40 and 41	<p>"wherein said step of detecting a need for service in a building system comprises:</p> <p>(40) ... identifying a scheduled maintenance event in said maintenance database."</p> <p>(41) ... sensing an error condition in said building system."</p>
Applicants elect <u>without traverse</u> examination with respect to the distinct species, as identified by the Examiner in Claim 41.		
34	44, 45 and 46	<p>"wherein said step of providing an electronic notification comprises:</p> <p>(44) ... transmitting an electronic message to said selected service provider through a pager-type communications network."</p> <p>(45) ... transmitting an electronic message to said selected service provider through a computer communications network."</p> <p>(46) ... transmitting an electronic message to said selected service provider through a wireless communications network."</p>
Applicants elect <u>without traverse</u> examination with respect to the distinct species, as identified by the Examiner in Claim 46.		
34	48 and 49	<p>"wherein said step of monitoring said communications link for an electronic response to said electronic notification comprises:</p> <p>(48) ... receiving an electronic message from said selected service provider through said computer communications network."</p> <p>(49) ... receiving an electronic message from said selected service provider through said wireless communications network."</p>
Applicants elect <u>without traverse</u> examination with respect to the distinct species, as identified by the Examiner in Claim 49.		

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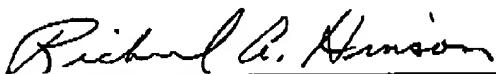
Accordingly, withdrawal of the outstanding species election requirement and examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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